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**The Elderly Among Us:
Have We Let Them Become
An Overlooked Treasure?**



MINI MEMOS:

EDITORIAL:

1977! As we enter another year, we can be sure of one thing—we are one year nearer the return of our Lord.

In the past decade a move of God has been realized across the world as men and women have been swept into the Kingdom of God and into an experience of the fulness of the Spirit. But with this time of refreshing has come a counterattack by Satan as the gates of hell have seemingly swung open, releasing a wave of wickedness, evil imaginations and violence. As in the days of Noah, the earth is filled with violence with only a measure of safety found anywhere.

What may God be looking for in the Christian in 1977? Perhaps we can look at the lives of the patriarchs who are listed among the great heroes of faith in Hebrews, chapter 11. Those from Abel to Abraham and Sarah all (1) died in faith (vs. 13), (2) confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth (vs. 13), and (3) were not mindful of the country from which they left (vs. 15).

When Christ returns for His Church, will He find faith on the earth? Will our lives be filled with

President, Rolf K. McPherson announces meetings of the **Home Missions** and **Missionary Cabinets** on Jan. 31-Feb. 4 and Feb. 7-18, respectively.

Participating in the Dedication Service of the new sanctuary of the **Portland, Ore.** Foursquare Church on December 5 were President, **Rolf K. McPherson** and General Supervisor, **M. E. Nicholls**. Dr. McPherson also participated in the Dedication Service of the new facilities of the **Prairie Ave. Ca.** Foursquare Church. Vice President, **Howard P. Courtney** will speak at the Workers' Training Conference in **Prescott, Az.**, Jan. 17-21.

General Supervisor, **M. E. Nicholls** will attend the Board of Administration meeting and convention of the **NAE** in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22-24. Church Growth and Evangelism Director, **Donald L. McGregor** will conduct seminars in the **Southeast District** during the month of March.

LIFE Bible College was granted Candidate Status with the Ameri-

can Association of Bible Colleges during the latter's annual convention held in Chicago, reports Executive Director, Dr. N. M. Van Cleave.

Mount Vernon, Ohio Bible College faculty members, **Rev. and Mrs. Marty Jenkins**, and Business Manager, **Bill Middlebrook**, served as special speakers for the first Eastern District Married Couples Retreat at Camp McPherson in Ohio.

The new **Gettysburg, Pa.** Foursquare Christian Academy recently completed its fall semester. Thirty-seven students enrolled for the second year of the **Muir, Pa.** Foursquare Christian Academy which includes grades 1-10.

The **Granada Hills, Ca.** Foursquare Church completed the first quarter of its Lay Evening School of the Bible.

Dr. Daniel Moncivaiz, former missionary and present pastor of the Latin Congregation of Angelus Temple, was special guest of the first **Missionary Telethon** conducted by the **Decatur, Ill.** Foursquare

faith and the Spirit in this new year? When Lot lived in Sodom and Gomorrah his spirit was vexed (greatly worn out, distressed and sick) by the wickedness of these cities. If we are filled with faith and walk in the Spirit we can move about in a land abounding with wickedness without fear. Being filled with the Holy Ghost can make the difference between possible destruction and survival.

Secondly, they knew Canaan was not their permanent home—they were merely passing through. Is this world heaven to you? Are your roots so deep and your earthly treasures so dear that you would have second thoughts of leaving this earth should Jesus come today?

And they did not fill their minds with thoughts of the life and land they left behind. Many of our **ADVANCE** readers are new Christians, recent converts. Does your mind dwell on your former life and friends? If so, there is the possibility of your returning to your former ways. (vs. 15).

But these patriarchs were faithful to their heavenly calling, and God was not ashamed to be called their God (vs. 16). May He not be ashamed to be called our God in 1977! 4

Church for the purpose of raising funds for missions. Pledges amounting to \$56,000 were made.

ICL (International Center for Learning) Seminars will be conducted across the U.S. and Canada in 1977. A special ICL Seminar for Foursquare Churches will be held in the **Florence Ave. Ca.** Foursquare Church, April 21-23. Contact: The International Department of Youth and Christian Education, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90026.

Theme for the coming **NAE Convention**, scheduled for Feb. 22-24 in the Arlington Park Hilton, in Chicago will be "God's Word: Our Infallible Guide." Speakers will include: Rev. Donn Moomaw, Louis Palau, Charles Colson and Dr. Dennis Kinlaw. 4

PRESENT WITH THE LORD

Edith Bailey Griffith,
Dean Lindblad, Sarah B.
Nichols.

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Cover: Kingsway Court Foursquare Retirement Center, Vancouver, B.C., a part of the Kingsway complex. Mount Vernon, Ohio Bible College student, Bob Price, ministering to senior citizen in local rest home.

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INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY

COMMUNITY CONCERN: CHURCH:

Canada's Kingsway Court

Kingsway Court—what is it? It's people, living people, all a part of God's wonderful family. The Court is a Senior Citizen Home situated in beautiful British Columbia and owned and operated by the Kingsway Foursquare Church of Vancouver.

A high rise with 12 floors, 117 suites, 10 bedrooms and 107 bachelor suites, the Court is managed by Reverend and Mrs. Paul Gray who also act as pastors for the 133 residents who reside there. Each apartment includes a range, refrigerator, carpeted floors, draperies and large patio-glass door opening onto a balcony.

Members of the local church help plan the well-balanced program of activities which brings happiness, joy and peace of mind to the residents of the Court. These activities also promote friendliness and prevent boredom. A Bible Class is conducted Sunday mornings with a Ladies Bible Fellowship held during the week. A prayer ministry is carried on for LIFE Bible College of Canada. Musicians from the local Foursquare Church minister in music. Motion picture and slide presentations are scheduled, as well.

Recreation includes monthly bus tours (planned and supervised by Geoff and Betty Crowe), ferry tours and weekly craft classes. A birthday party is also held once a month.

Many of the events held at Kingsway Court are accompanied with refreshments or a dinner. A special Christmas dinner or party is scheduled each year.



Jubilee Celebrations Urbana, Illinois

The first Foursquare Gospel Church in the Great Lakes District to celebrate its 50th Anniversary was the Urbana Foursquare Church, pastored by Rev. and Mrs. Chris Von Holten. Guest speakers for the three-day celebration were Vice President and Mrs. Howard P. Courtney, former pastors. The Urbana Church is also Mrs. Courtney's home church. This church has sent 84 of its members to Foursquare Bible Colleges.

Monrovia, California

"Fifty Years of Praising the Lord" was the theme of the 50th Anniversary celebration of this church. General Supervisor, M. E. Nicholls presented the church with a Certificate of Achievement. Dr. Nicholls and Dr. Howard P. Courtney ministered in the Sunday Anniversary Services, reports Pastor Russell L. Menges.

Santa Paula, California

Tent services conducted by a group of LIFE Bible College students in 1926 resulted in the establishment of this Foursquare Church, reports Pastor Gayden Frazier. Dr. M. E. Nicholls ministered in the Anniversary Service. Forty-seven members from this church attended LIFE Bible College, including former Southeast District Supervisors, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Teffeteller.



Pastor and Mrs. Gray report that many of the residents have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior as a result of the ministry carried on in the Court.

Groundbreaking — Flower House Fellowship Hall

The New Castle, Ind. Foursquare Church recently conducted the Groundbreaking Ceremonies for this all-purpose structure, named in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Lindsay Flowers, pastors emeritus. Rev. Joe Babcock, pastor, reports that city officials and local businessmen were among the 400 guests present.



Spiritual Showers Southeast District Convention

Meeting for three days in Nashville, Tenn., ministers and delegates from the Southeast District experienced a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost, reports District Supervisor, Glenn Burris. Guest speakers included Dr. Harold Jefferies, and Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Charter, Great Lakes District Supervisor. The gifts of healing were in operation with many of the ministers and delegates healed by the power of God.

MVBC Cross Country Third Place — NLCAA

The Mount Vernon, Ohio Bible College cross country team finished first in the Erie Conference and third in the nation in NLCAA competition. Two members, Stan Gomez and Kerry Maitlen, received All-American honors. Other team members include: Tony Naska, Mike Crowley, Jim Fairchild and Greg Middlebrook. 4





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Ca. Foursquare
Retirement Center on
monthly outing.

Because she loved us, mother gave us many things that could never be measured in a materialistic way. We endeavored to love and care for her in return. The last years of her life she required continual love and assistance. When she needed something, someone was always quick to be at her bedside. She suffered more than she would ever let us know. It seemed to hurt her that she was unable to do for herself. During this time not one of the family ever felt it was a duty or an obligation. We cared for her because we wanted to and because we loved her so much. We wanted to give her as much love as we could until we released her into the loving arms of God. It was then that we began to realize that she was not a burden, but, rather, that we had received so much and had given so little. Our lives had grown in love.

Her Christian influence continues to live on in our lives. Our children have grown up learning to love and respect older people. They realize that older folk have a lot to give. It also seems evident that more love and appreciation for their own parents have been added to their lives as they have witnessed the love their father and mother have shown towards their grandparents.

It was never inconvenient to take care of mother and provide her with a home. It was an opportunity we sincerely welcomed.

ADVANCE Explores Three Life-styles for the Elderly: In the Family, the Church, the Retirement Center.

Our family wanted to give
mother as much love as we
could before God took her home.

Reverend and Mrs. Allen R. Anderson
Couple who cared for their Parent

For 22 years it was our privilege to have my mother, Mayme Anderson, live in our home. During this time my wife, Louise, and I considered ourselves quite fortunate to have her help in the home with the meals, sewing, and with the children. Being pastors (present pastors of the St. Charles, Illinois Foursquare Church) this proved to be such a ministry of "helps". Our three daughters, Kerry, Sherry, and Jeannie, were taught to obey and respect her as they would their parents. We never heard one word of resentment from them because she stayed with us, but we have heard many expressions of how they miss her since she is gone. Mother passed away December 7, 1975.

Living in the parsonage, mother felt some of the pains of the ministry, but she never interfered. She just found opportunities to serve the Lord. She taught a Sunday School class for many years, played the organ in the church and was a very active leader in the UFW. What we remember most about her is how she prayed daily for us and the church. Her prayers brought her family to Christ and throughout her life brought many more sons and daughters into the Kingdom of God.



Reverend and Mrs. Allen
R. Anderson.

VIEWPOINT:

The church needs the wisdom
& experience of senior adults.
We allow them this ministry.

Reverend Donald Pickerill
Pastor

The major responsibility of caring for the aged rests with the relatives and not with the church, as an organized body. I feel this is clearly set down in I Timothy, chapter 5 where Paul the Apostle lays the responsibility of caring for the widows on the relatives (vs. 4). Anyone neglecting his responsibility has "denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (vs. 8). Paul further states that where there are relatives who can assume their care, the church is not to be charged (vs. 16).

However, this does not mean that the church has *no* responsibility in caring and ministering to the senior adult. This same chapter in I Timothy also charges the church to respect and honor the elderly (vs. 1, 3). Senior adults are rich in experience and wisdom and the church should be sensitive to this and draw from their resources. Although they may not fill positions of leadership, the aged should remain accessible to the leadership of the church.

A structure needs to be developed in the church where the senior adult and youth share together in like experiences. The Sunday School hour of Christian Assembly, California Foursquare Church where I serve as Pastor, is separated into classes of 50 students from first grade to the elderly and provides for such experiences. Our teen-agers, especially, requested times to be with the senior adults stating that they missed these opportunities. The Hebrew kibbutz is designed to make use of the elderly with the senior adult given meaningful responsibilities to perform. They are productive and used until their death. As the elderly are able to participate, even so, the church needs to include them in their overall ministry and tap their invaluable resources.

Christian Assembly includes the elderly in its ministry through the SAM Program (Senior Adult Ministries). The Bible characters of Simeon and Anna ("S" and "A" in "SAM") as recorded in Luke 2:25-38 are used as examples of the important roles senior adults can fulfill in the ministry. A multi-purpose program, SAM places great stress on "ministry". These senior adults are especially encouraged to participate in the ministry of intercessory prayer and spend much time praying. The SAM Program also provides needed times for fellowship.

A successful retirement center begins with the compassion of a local congregation.

Dr. Gayle W. Wood
Administrator, Retirement Center

All my life I have been interested in the elderly. I lived with my grandparents as a teen-ager and provided the transportation to church for the older ladies when other young fellows were taking their girl friends to church. Thus, it is natural for me to have compassion for our precious, older folk.

It has been my joy to develop the Bellflower, California Retirement Center which is across the street from the Foursquare Church where I have served as pastor for the last nine years. I also serve as administrator for the retirement center.

Our senior citizens need love, family involvement, physical, mental, and spiritual care, and consideration. It takes both a church that cares and a retirement program with Christ-centered activities, a Bible study program, and a dedicated spiritual staff to fully meet their needs.

We feel that we have that workable combination in Bellflower Retirement Center. We are blessed to have Evangelist Ethel Heidner with us. In her eighties, she is still an inspira-

tion to everyone. We play her sermon tapes for the people to enjoy weekly. Reverend and Mrs. Paul Hopkins, retired Foursquare pastors, conduct Bible studies and plan recreational activities. Girls from our church and adjoining, nearby churches staff our housekeeping and kitchen duties. Crafts are taught and missionary quilts seem to flow from the residents' fingers. Church services are provided at the church and in the retirement center weekly. Also, doctor appointments are arranged and medication dispersed when required.

The Bellflower Christian Retirement Center came into being through the joint efforts of Karl Williams—a dedicated Christian businessman who caught the vision, a church that cared enough to share their pastor with this dream, and myself. The doors of this one-half million dollar project were opened in February, 1975 and we have been growing ever since.

Apartments and private rooms are available to fit any budget. No one is turned away for lack of finances. We can accommodate 80 and have at present 65 with us in the full Christ-centered board and care program. Senior citizens of all faiths are received. A high standard of Christian living is maintained, however. Those who smoke, drink or use profanity are not accepted as part of our family or staff.



Reverend Donald Pickerill



Dr. Gayle W. Wood

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WILL



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PEOPLE:

To be faced with an early retirement four years before you are eligible for Social Security would prove a real crisis to the average person, but not to Ralph Welden, member of the Monterey Park, California Foursquare Church.

Ralph Welden had completed 39 years of service with the B.F. Goodrich Tire Company of Los Angeles, California when he was told, in 1975, that the plant would close. When faced with the fact of an early retirement at age 58, his mind went back to 1936 (during the depression) when God supplied this job for him as a result of prayer. He thought, "Well, Lord, you gave me this job in the first place. You knew when my employment began and when it would end, so I thank you, Lord, and believe the promise that "all things work together for good to them that love God..." (Rom. 8:28). He praised the Lord for his retirement, although he realized he would not receive social security for another four years. Mr. Welden was soon to see how God would work this together for his good and for the good of the Kingdom.

"I spent 39 years in the tire industry & became a licensed minister in my mid-fifties. I don't look upon early retirement as an opportunity to settle back & forget the world around me."



Ralph Welden was born in Oklahoma and later moved to California with his family. Although raised in a religious home on Christian principles, Ralph did not have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ until after he was married. At that time he and his bride of three and one-half months responded to an altar call in the El Monte Foursquare Church and publicly accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Even prior to his conversion, Mr. Welden believed in the miracle working power of Christ and all that Christ was able to do. He remembers as a boy of five attending a healing service. Many miracles were performed and it left an indelible impression on this young boy's life.

From the onset of their conversions Ralph and his wife, Mildred, separated themselves unto the things of God and counted them dear to their lives. Living in East Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Welden attended the East Los Angeles Foursquare Church and became involved in various areas of ministry. Mr. Welden became the teacher of the Men's Bible Class and teaches this class to this day. He also served as an usher, church council member, elder and in 1949 started the Men's Fellowship group.

In 1955 the East Los Angeles Church instituted a Department of Evangelism. Soon after its founding, Ralph Welden became head of this department which included: Church visitation, home communion, ushers, elders, deaconesses, altar workers, water baptism and church membership. When the East Los Angeles Church merged with the Monterey Park Foursquare Church in 1963, this department became known as the Department of Services and now includes a tape ministry to shut-ins. Mr.

For Ralph Welden Early Retirement Has Meant Beginning a Second Career.

Welden continues to head this department.

Ralph Welden did not accept his early retirement as an opportunity to settle back and enjoy more time for himself and his own personal activities. Instead, he looked upon his retirement as an opportunity to give more time to the work of the Lord and become involved in a greater way in the ministries of the Monterey Park Foursquare Church.

Retirement has afforded him the opportunity to attend the weekly morning prayer meetings and meet with the pastor and another retired gentleman for special times of prayer concerning urgent needs and requests. He has been able to engage more fully in home and hospital visitation to the church folk, as well as to his neighbors who have no personal knowledge of Christ as Savior. This has opened doors for a greater Christian witness in his neighborhood. Mr. Welden is now able to assist in maintenance and carpentry work around the church when needed. When a church dinner is scheduled, Mr. Welden can be found in the church kitchen during the day helping to prepare the food. With his days free he is able, also, to attend funerals of members of the church and serve as a pallbearer when needed. He now alternates with the pastor in conducting the Wednesday Evening Bible Study. His retirement, which allows time for preparation, makes this possible and releases the pastor from time to time, to visit the other church groups which are in session at this same hour. Mr. Welden does some preaching when the pastor is away from the church.

A graduate of the 1950 Victorian Class of LIFE Bible College, Brother Welden's purpose in attending Bible College was to better equip himself with a knowledge of the Bible so that he might more effectively serve Christ. When he enrolled in Bible College he did not feel called to be a pastor, but rather a call to the ministry of "helps". Thus it was not until 1971 when Reverend Fred Horner, present pastor of the Monterey Park Foursquare Church, felt the need for an assisting minister that he encouraged Mr. Welden to make application for a Foursquare ministerial license. At this time he

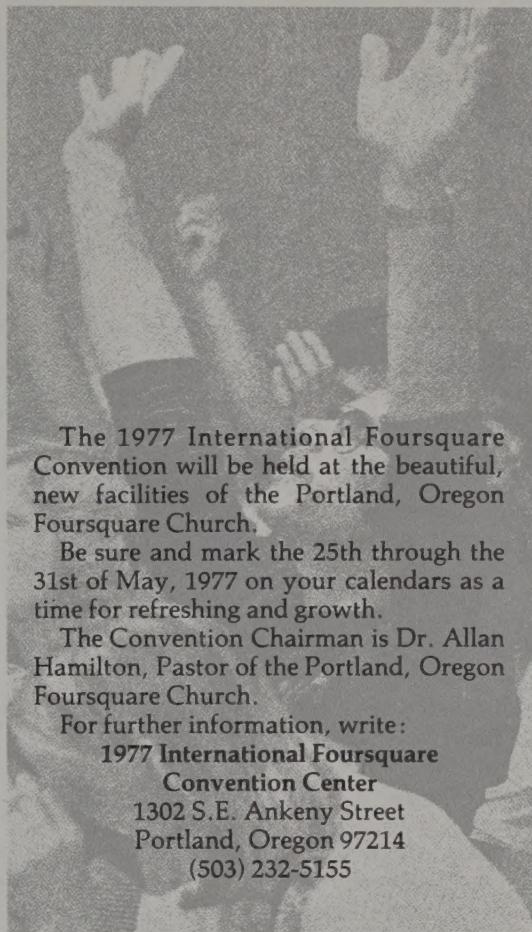
became a licensed Foursquare minister and was added to the ministerial staff of the Church. As well as heading the Department of Services, Mr. Welden is also a Church Council member and participates regularly in the platform ministry.

Pastor Fred Horner shares the following comments concerning Ralph Welden's ministry: "Mr. Welden has not slowed down since his retirement. In the last two years he has grown in the Word and has been a great asset in helping to shoulder the burden of the pastorate. He and another retired gentleman are coupled together with me in the shepherding ministry. The congregation respects and looks to these men as Undershepherds. Without a doubt they are a great source of strength to the congregation of the Monterey Park Foursquare Church."

Since his retirement, which has caused them to live on an abbreviated income, God has continued to meet Mr. and Mrs. Welden's financial needs. Mrs. Welden is employed and Mr. Welden does receive a pension from his late employer. They have seen God stretch their income as the widow's pot of oil recorded in I Kings 17:8-16.

Mr. and Mrs. Welden have two children, a daughter, Carol Plamann and a son, Charles, and two grandchildren. Their son, Charles, is on staff as an assistant in the Medical Aerobic's Program of Oral Roberts University where he graduated in 1974.

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A FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

The 1977 International Foursquare Convention will be held at the beautiful, new facilities of the Portland, Oregon Foursquare Church.

Be sure and mark the 25th through the 31st of May, 1977 on your calendars as a time for refreshing and growth.

The Convention Chairman is Dr. Allan Hamilton, Pastor of the Portland, Oregon Foursquare Church.

For further information, write:

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Western Hemisphere Conference

On November 1, 1976 delegates from 18 countries gathered in Caracas, Venezuela for the Western Hemisphere Foursquare Leadership Conference.

The 37 participants in the seven-day sessions represented their respective countries where Foursquare Churches have been established. Equal representation by missionaries and nationals was indicative of the emerging, indigenous Church and the deep sense of unity needed for the evangelization of the western hemisphere. Those countries represented were: Canada, the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador, Puerto Rico and Jamaica.

Representatives from the Headquarters of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel in Los Angeles, California included: Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, Dr. M. E. Nicholls, Dr. Leland Edwards, Dr. Charles Duarte and Dr. William West. Reverend Jack Hayford, pastor of the First Foursquare Church of Van Nuys, California was invited as a special delegate to min-

ister each day from the Word of God.

The opening day was given to sessions of prayer, praise and worship. Hearts and minds were prepared by the Holy Spirit for what proved to be a very fruitful time of instruction, sharing of ideas and planning for greater extension of the Church.

Daily seminars provided in-depth studies of specific areas of need and problems faced by missionaries and national leaders as they work together for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In viewing the overall work and ministry of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, the contributions of the National Church in each country with its trained leadership were recognized as vital to the total program. National boundaries disappeared as hearts and lives were blended together with a single vision for evangelism.

During the conference, plans were made for a Western Hemisphere Foursquare Congress on Evangelism to be held in the country of Panama, November 7-12, 1978. This event will coincide with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Foursquare Church in that country.



Delegates share at conference workshop.

His Truth Still Marches On

By Dr. Vincent R. Bird
(Presented at the Fall, 1976 Great Lakes District Convention.)

Seventeen years have swiftly passed since Mrs. Bird and I served you as Supervisors of the Great Lakes District. Someone explained that time is not moving, but we are moving.

For the believer who is already moving in eternal dimensions, that is beautiful. We move from one event to another in our earthly journey, but more important, is the anticipation of the next great event on God's calendar—the coming of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Dr. Raymond Cox said, "When Jesus comes, at least we will all fly united!"

We have been caught up in the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of our country. Some of us have lived over 25% of that period. Someone has stated that 80% of our population of 215 million Americans was not born when the First World War took place. Two-thirds of the people living today were not alive in 1931 when the great depression got underway. Nearly 40% were not here when the Korean conflict began in 1951. More than 20% had not yet been born when John F. Kennedy was inaugurated President of the United States.

We are all a part of history, so we move on in history. Everyone of us is leaving our mark on civilization. We all have a track record. We are marching. We like to think we are moving as a group, as a body... and we are.

There are some problems however, in being part of a group. It is easy to feel, personally, insignificant. "I have little influence" one might say. If there is not progress like we think there should be, we can always blame someone else.

There is in some degree a place where we must stand alone, on our own. Dr. Karl Menninger in his book, *Whatever Became of Sin?* tells of a man standing on the street corner in downtown Chicago. As people came closer to him he would point a brawny finger at them and shout loud and clear, "Guilty!" One man turned to his friend and said, "How did he know?" Do we stand alone in guilt as a sinner?

I think we can all conscientiously say, "Thank God, I am an American." If you have ever traveled abroad, you will say it. If you have ever conversed with anyone in a depressed nation, you will say it. The following remarks were made to an acquaintance of mine, an

American, by a man who once lived in Red China. "I thought," remarked the man, "if I could only get to Hong Kong that would be heaven. When I got to Hong Kong I thought, if I could only get to America, that would be heaven." Upon meeting my friend he asked "Where are you going?" The American responded, "To heaven." Where else would you want to go to live outside of America?

America the Beautiful! I am thankful for the privilege of seeing so much of it, but not everything is beautiful. Sam Levenson used to say "My folks were immigrants and they fell under the spell of the American legend that the streets of America were paved with gold. When Pop got here, though, he found out three things: (1) The streets were not paved with gold; (2) The streets were not even paved, and; (3) He was supposed to do the paving.

Lenin, the father of Russian Communism, wrote in 1917: "Germany will militarize herself out of existence. England will expand herself out of existence and America will spend herself out of existence." When we hear that the interest on our national debt has now become the third largest item on our budget, only behind national defense and social security, Lenin may be close to being right.

His Truth Still Marches On! Truth is more than a slogan, a banner. It must have an embodiment. Hebrews 2:1-4 (Living Bible) states "So we must listen very carefully to the truths we have heard, or we may drift away from them. For since the messages from angels have always proved true and people have always been punished for disobeying them, what makes us think that we can escape if we are indifferent to this great salvation announced by the Lord Jesus Himself, and passed on to us by those who heard him speak? God always has shown us that these messages are true by signs and wonders and various miracles and by giving certain special abilities from the Holy Spirit to those who believe; yes, God has assigned such gifts to each of us."

Truth had to be composed and translated into words. It had to have a Creator. Then, it had to be written, perhaps on stone and papyrus, but now on the human heart. Truth had a past and it has a present and future.

Truth has marched on, is marching on, and will keep marching on. "The truth of the Lord endureth forever" (Psa. 117:2). But, truth must be communicated. Psalm 11:3 states, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" The foundation is often the unseeable part of the structure. It had to be laid first. I think we're talking about the moral fiber of a nation, church and person.

Psalm 11:4, 5 states, "The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth." He is talking about this earth and the people in it. The Bible states, "...the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (II Tim. 2:19).

It is interesting that billions of dollars were spent to find some red rock on Mars and establish that there is no life on the moon. Another great discovery, recently, is the fact that many scientists now believe that there is life after death. They're catching up, little by little. His truth was there all the time.

What can the righteous do? What is the Christian's proper attitude toward his country? Christians have been accused of taking a very complacent attitude toward any involvement in the affairs of this life. Should we be more involved? Jesus said that when we pray that we should pray that the Father's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Paul demanded his rights as a citizen of Rome. He said he was born free, for his father was a Roman citizen. And then he appealed to Caesar. Daniel, though in bondage in Babylon, was exalted. Joseph rose to a place of leadership in Egypt.

Paul the Apostle admonished Timothy to "...endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (II Tim. 2:3, 4). The Amplified states, "...gets entangled with the enterprises of civilian life."

There are many who feel that the Church can really turn things around and that this 200th year of our history is God's timing to do it. If they are right, then we had better get on our uniforms. It will cost us something.

The primary reason that the Christian can do something to change the world is because this is a battle, a warfare of such a nature that millions are not aware of it. Ephesians 6:12 states, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood..." The Living Bible expresses it, "For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies—the evil rulers of the unseen world... and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world." That is where the battle is. II Corinthians 10:3, 4 further states, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds)." The Living Bible states, "It is true that I am an ordinary weak human being, but I don't



"I awakened to hear God say, 'Get out of My way and I will show great and mighty things.' He was speaking to all the church, especially those in leadership."

use human plans and methods to win my battles. I use God's mighty weapons, not those made by men, to knock down the devil's strongholds."

When God spoke to Reverend Jack Hayford, Pastor of the Van Nuys, California Foursquare Church concerning the prayer ministry of the church, God said, "You must pray as if you are the only church praying." This must be the attitude of every church and every believer. There is one mighty weapon that God uses. That is prayer—intercessory prayer, united prayer.

I hear of strong influences of organized crime in our country. Do you believe united prayer can change that situation? I hear of strong infiltration of Activists within the branches of our government. Do you believe prayer can change that?

Today Christians are getting interested in running for public office. Christian athletes are bolder in their witness. Christian actors and actresses refuse to compromise. We need to pray for these people. We need to pray for Christian educators to get into prominent places of influence. United prayer can make a difference.

Truth that is revealed is yours! "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law (Deut. 29:29). Jesus predicted greater judgment on the cities he visited than on Sodom (Matt. 11:20-24). Judgment did fall on Bethsaida, Chorazin and Capernaum. After He pronounced judgment He said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes" (vs. 25). Truth has been revealed to you and to me.

I awakened early one morning troubled in my spirit. God spoke as real as anytime in my life and said "Get out of my way." The Lord repeated the message and then added, "And I will show great and mighty things." I asked, "Lord, are you saying this just to me?" The answer came, "No! I am speaking to all my Body, especially those in leadership." These words belonged to me, but now they belong to you. [4]

FIELD REPORT:

In 1975 the Foursquare work in the country of Colombia had 1,490 individuals baptized in water as indications of lives changed by the power of salvation. A total of 108 churches with 266 other meetings places and 9 Bible Schools stood as a testimony to Christ. There are 450 national ministers now trained and proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel.

It has not always been this way. Where did it begin? What type of foundation does this great work have?

In 1935, when Missionary and Mrs. Claire Martin began an evangelistic outreach in the city of Bucaramanga, it became a place of unbridled revenge and intolerance of the Gospel of Christ. After a week of special evangelistic thrusts which included Gospel literature distribution and the sale of Bibles, recipients were confronted with threats and demands to destroy what literature they had purchased or received.

On Sunday following the evangelistic efforts, the town priest and others visited various homes. They threatened the people by telling them that if they did not surrender all Protestant books and Bibles they would receive greater persecution. After confiscating the literature, they demanded that they have nothing to do with the Evangelicals.

As many of the new believers were timid about not obeying such religious orders, the immediate result was discouragement. However, within a short time it turned to the good of the believers since many outsiders decided to visit the Evangelical church to find out what it was all about. As the church began to grow and believers matured, Reverend Martin sought ways to build faith in the hearts of his workers. One day something happened that made the promises of God very real to both Brother Martin and his faithful national worker, Tomas.

Missionary Martin and Tomas had gone into the forest to get poles in order to repair the fence which enclosed the missionaries' backyard. They drove these poles into the ground close enough to keep out the dogs, cats, pigs, and goats.

The heat was intense that day. The missionary labored with his bare back to the sun. While hacking away with his machete, he felt something strike his arm, and then fall to the ground. He thought it was a branch, but when he glanced down, he saw that it was a small, but very poisonous snake. It bit him on the arm, dropped down and was ready to strike him on the leg. With a quick blow of the machete, he killed the snake and held it up for Tomas to see.

Tomas knew the small snake was deadly poisonous. Horror filled his face. The missionary had been bitten.



Reverend and Mrs. Claire Martin.

Building Faith Foundations in Colombia

Reverend Martin wiped the blood from his arm, prayed and went ahead with his work. Tomas' reaction was one of excitement and urgency. His eyes grew big with amazement and a look of horror spread over his face. A few minutes later he suggested that they start back to the compound. Reverend Martin was so confident that the Lord had heard his prayer that he went ahead with his work. When Tomas urged him the second time to go home, the missionary realized why he was so anxious; Tomas wanted to get him home before he died.

Missionary Claire Martin knew that this type of snake was one of the most deadly snakes in the tropics. There is nothing that can save the life of a person bitten by this snake, except a miracle. Within three hours the victim begins to swell and blood oozes from every pore of the body. A person literally sweats his life away. It is a horrible death.

Reverend Martin got his Bible and turned to Mark 16:17,18. Reading this scripture to Tomas, he showed him how God had fulfilled this promise to them that very day. "And these signs shall follow them that believe..." (vs. 17).

The utter confidence of the missionary in God's Word as displayed by this incident caused the life and experience of the national worker to be enriched. God had again confirmed His Word. He had done what He said and had rewarded the faith of His servant.

Reverend and Mrs. Claire Martin are now home conducting missionary conferences after many years of service on the mission field. The foundation they laid of faith was strong and the work continues to grow.

MVBC Students: Friends of the Aged

The following observations were made by Larry and Pat Voiles, 1976 graduates of Mount Vernon Bible College in Mount Vernon, Ohio when they were students and participated in the school's rest home ministries.

Actively ministering in a rest home is a learning process not to be found in a classroom.

Much like people, rest homes come in many forms with each one having its own personality. Some people in rest homes have terminal illnesses, others may be retarded, crippled, amputees, etc. Activities vary in rest homes and range from television and books in one home to crafts, records, trips and many activities in another home.

The ministering student may find himself conducting a service in a lounge and being interrupted by passing guests, nurses or patients themselves. Unless you take a musical instrument, most of the time there is no music to accompany the singing. Because of bad hearing and eyesight, it is difficult to minister to the aged in groups, so the personal one-to-one relationship is best. The personal touch of love, a hug, a kiss, etc. are so vital to folk that are often handled mechanically.

STUDENT GROUPS

Three student groups minister in the Mount Vernon, Rose Garden and Salyer's Rest Homes. Student Group leaders include: Richard and Joy Davis, Mary Richard, and John Dean.

Visits to the rest homes are made on Sunday afternoons with brief services conducted in two of the homes prior to visiting with the patients on a one-to-one basis. A hunger for the Word of God is evidenced among the patients and they respond well to the students' ministry.

As a result of their visits to the homes, the students have led a good number of the patients to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Over one three-month period, the students prayed for an elderly lady who would lay in her bed, face the wall and never respond to their ministry. The students continued to pray for her, and one Sunday afternoon she got up, sat in a chair, smiled and warmly greeted them. As the students were praying for one new lady in a rest home she began speaking in tongues—her spiritual language.

The Student groups joined in prayer for another woman who was suffering from depression. In answer to prayer she accepted Christ as her Savior and her depression lifted. One student was visiting with a patient when God called the patient home to her heavenly



reward. It was not an unpleasant experience, but a beautiful moment for the student as the patient peacefully slipped from this life into heaven.

The following letter, composed by Pat Voiles, depicts the heart cry of the Aged:

Nursing Home
Lonesome Valley
January, 1977

Dear Heavenly Father:

Today is my 89th birthday. I've had a rough day here at the home. This morning I just couldn't seem to get up; it took every bit of my strength just to sit up on the side of the bed. My lungs feel as if they'll burst when I walk down the hall for my meals.

It seems as though most of my organs have decided to quit functioning properly, and the medicine I must take makes me so dizzy. This morning a nurse bawled me out for my carelessness. It was terribly embarrassing.

Yesterday I sat down and said to myself, "Is this really me?" It seems like only yesterday that my late husband and I were busy raising our family and building our home. Now all I have is a box of letters, pictures and memories. My home is gone; my children have moved away. I know that you've taken the sting from death, Lord, but death lurks in the shadows here, and each night I close my eyes I wonder if it will be my last.

I guess, Lord, aside from the physical and mental pain, I suffer most because I seem to have lost my worth. I am a *thing*, to be cared for like an infant. No one seems to have ever wanted me unless I could do for them. Now that I'm helpless no one wants me for myself. Lord, if you don't mind one more complaint—I get so tired of people burying me before I'm dead. I am alive! I still crave love, and I need to feel needed.

Please, Lord, send someone my way to assure me that I am indeed needed and loved.

Yours truly,

The Aged



Top: Reverend and Mrs. Harold Curtis, honored for 22 years of ministry. Right: Reverend and Mrs. Elmer McCammon, former missionaries (see stories this page).



Reverend and Mrs. Elmer McCammon, former missionaries, have been serving in the Southern California, Western Canada and Western Districts as camp and convention speakers. Since their return from Ecuador, where they served as Supervisors of the Foursquare work in that country and Chile, they have also been conducting missionary conferences.

DATELINE: The Caribbean
Jamaica—Missionary and Mrs. Harold Curtis recently celebrated the completion of 22 years of missionary service on behalf of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. The Curtises first went to **Nigeria** and served there for 10 years. Following this 10-year period they spent four years conducting **missionary conferences**. In 1970 they were appointed as missionaries to **Jamaica** and have worked in this country for the past six years.

In celebration, the **Jamaica Foursquare Church** held a special service to honor Reverend and Mrs. Curtis, at which time presentations of **flowers** and personal **gifts** were made. At the conclusion, the combined Four-

square Churches of **Jamaica** made a gift presentation of \$300 to Reverend and Mrs. Curtis.

DATELINE: Latin America
Guatemala—One evening a girl came into the Foursquare Church carried along between two of her brothers. Her legs kept buckling under her and her body twisted from side to side in a rotating motion. Also, her hands kept turning back and forth. When the altar call was given, her brother raised her hand for her. He realized that his sister was suffering from **demon possession**.

Missionary Irvin Espeseth, noticing that the girl was wearing leaves and other items given her by **witches**, insisted that all these items be **removed**. As Reverend Espeseth talked with her, she would sometimes answer in **another language**. The mother said, "She speaks a language that we cannot understand." When Missionary Espeseth would request that she respond in Spanish, she would do so.

The girl was questioned in an effort to find a reason for this severe situation. She related that one day when she was helping in the store, her hand started **trembling**. Her mother told her to go into the house and rub salt on her hand. After doing this, her hand only trembled more and then, taking a pencil in hand, her hand began to write of its own accord. It seemed that since that time she was unable to walk by herself and she began to speak in this other language. However, the mother felt that all this trouble began at a **seance** which the girl attended with a lady who rented a room in their home.

Prayer was offered for her **liberation**, and the Pastor said, "Virginia, we have prayed for you and you are free from the power of Satan,

but now you have to make your **heart right** with God. The power of God is like a great atomic bomb and the power of Satan, in comparison, is like a little firecracker." As this truth dawned upon her, she began to smile and the contortion of her body and hands ceased. She was standing still, listening to every word spoken to her.

As she left the church that night, she was **walking as normally** as anyone. In the following two days she was in each service and her countenance literally glowed. She testifies, "I am so happy. I will never quit **trusting in God**. It is so wonderful."

El Salvador — Missionary Michael Weilein writes: "In the past week we have had several people come looking for the Foursquare Church. Everywhere we go people keep **asking questions** about the Foursquare Church. Our people are thrilled that people are **seeking us out** so that they can share the good things of the Lord. One girl sent a message to the church that she would like to talk to me. A young man from the church and I went to visit her. She had **never heard** of our church before nor did she know where our church was located, but something inside her told her to get in **contact with the Foursquare Church**. By some divine way the message was received at the church. When we arrived, she told us that something **inside her** told her that we had what she **needed**. We presented the **plan of salvation** to her and, immediately, she smiled and said, 'That is what I need,' and accepted Christ as her Saviour."

Costa Rica—Missionary money sent to this land has been used for the **radio project** and to purchase some **lots**. In **San Miguel de Desamparados** where one of the lots was pur-

chased, a fine congregation of fifty adults is already meeting. The national pastor of San Jose will begin an **open-air meeting** on the lot purchased there, trusting that many souls will be saved and a good church established.

This country also had a marvelous national convention with the largest attendance in their history. The walls on each side of the church in San Jose had to be knocked out in order to accommodate the large crowds.

Missionary Betty Pritchett is very active in writing courses for the **TEE materials**. Four courses are now in production. Some of these courses will be sent to Nicaragua for their classes.

DATELINE: The Pacific New Guinea—Reverend Naka, pastor of the Gotomi Foursquare Church reports that some **pigs gave chase to a woman and her children**. As they were running away, the pigs got a hold of the five year old girl and started to maul her. When found, the girl was in terrible condition. The **skin was torn from her neck exposing the esophagus and trachea** and her body was covered with the **teeth marks** of the pigs. Also, her right hand was **broken**. It amazed everyone that she wasn't killed, but it was certain that she **would die** on the long, rough trip to the hospital. **Prayer was offered** in her behalf and God heard and answered. In two weeks she was **up and well**. This girl is now a walking **miracle** with no evidence of this terrible encounter with the wild pigs.

A woman was very **sick with a swelling** all over her body. The people summoned the village **witch doctor** and paid him to make her well, but she became worse and almost died. The people then sent for **Pastor Jon** to come and **pray for her**. She was **healed** and everyone **praised God**.

Missionary Mason Hughes is praising God for **Kau**, their Pidgin Bible School graduate, who is doing a wonderful job with the **Sunday School** and **Religious Instruction**. Kau is contacting some of the children who used to attend, but stopped coming because of **tribal fighting**. Thanks to the Lord is also offered for opening doors to **four schools**. This means giving the Gospel to **140 children** each week who possibly do not attend church anywhere.

Pray for **Papua New Guinea** and the government officials during this time of adjustment to their **independence**. Earnestly pray, also, for the **national pastors**, for they need special strength to withstand temptations of many types.

DATELINE: Asia

Korea—One hundred and fifty new Christians of the Daejon, Korea area gathered together to follow Christ in the ordinance of **water baptism** this fall. These new converts (students and teachers) demonstrated a spirit of **thanksgiving** as the pastors of the Foursquare Church, Reverends Seen Ok Ahn and Bee Young Choi officiated at the service. Two of the Dae Sung School buses lined up at one o'clock to make the hour-long trip to the **Godden River** outside of Daejon. The people crowded into the buses until everyone was on board. "Togetherness" was certainly the theme as they sang their favorite song, "In the Name of Jesus". On the return trip, the people exhibited an **exuberant spirit**, as well, for this was a victorious day.

The Taesung School Foundation has invited **Foursquare missionary personnel** to work with them in evangelizing and discipling students that attend their three Junior High and three Senior High Schools. Combined student-



Reverends Seen Ok Ahn and Bee Young Choi officiate at Baptismal Service in Daejon, Korea (see story this page).

bodies are more than 7,000. Each spring a **seminar** is presented using multi-media slides, overhead projector and tape recorded narratives with sound effects. Missionaries Ron and Charlotte Meyers sing in Korean using their uke and accordian and also present a brief skit illustrating the theme of that particular seminar. The **CFM has supplied** them with several thousand "Bridging the Gap" tracts. Occasionally Rev. Meyers preaches in the student chapel services, which are conducted weekly by the chaplains in each school.

In the local church they are developing a **three-year curriculum** for use in the youth department which will enable high school and junior high CY's the opportunity to "learn while doing" in their weekly Saturday afternoon meetings. An annual **Winter Crusader Retreat** is also conducted.

Each summer, there is a combined **Student-Church Crusader camp**. This has proven to be a spiritual highlight for the Korean youth.

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Joshua Chapter 7
By Reverend Alan Eastland

OVERCOMING YOUR FAILURES

The Book of Joshua portrays to us a beautiful type of New Testament church. Through the conquests of the children of Israel the church may be seen: contending for the blessedness that the Father has provided, expanding the boundaries of the Kingdom, and driving out those forces of darkness that would seek to usurp the Lord's dominion upon the earth. However, in the midst of this great book of conquest, the armies of Israel are faced with the unexpected problem of defeat. Joshua, chapter 7, shows the would-be conquerors conquered by the small and seemingly insignificant city of Ai. The entire chapter then becomes an excellent basis for the study of *Overcoming our Failures*. Three headings form the outline of study: the *cause*, the *consequences*, and the *cure* for our failures.

1. The Cause of our Failures

Joshua 7:1-3

A. *Setting our affections on things God has forbidden.* When the children of Israel conquered Jericho they were instructed not to take of the spoil of victory (6:17-19). However, in disobedience to that command, Achan, the son of Carmi took silver and gold that belonged to the Lord (7:1). Defeat ensued at Ai. Taking to ourselves that which is the Lord's always brings defeat to our lives. Chapter 7, verse 21 offers an interesting insight to Achan's fall.

B. *Failing to ask the Lord's counsel in decisions - 7:2.* Although it was God's will for Israel to conquer Ai, it appears that it must not have been His timing! Being ahead or behind the Lord in decisions can bring disastrous results.

C. *Relying on our own power and ingenuity rather than the Lord's - 7:2, 3.* The men that Joshua had sent to spy on Ai obviously had forgotten that the great victory just won at Jericho (chapter 6) was through the Lord's power. With overconfidence in self, they assumed Ai would fall also. We are sometimes most vulnerable to the greatest defeats immediately after our greatest victories.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE:

2. The Consequences of Failures *Joshua 7:4,5*

A. *Being overwhelmed by the enemy and our problems - 7:4.* The children of Israel fled before the men of Ai. When we enter a situation in disobedience to God's will we are often overwhelmed by the circumstances we face. Life becomes a continual retreat from those things that have defeated us.

B. *Our usefulness to the Lord may be "wasted" - 7:5.* Many of the warriors of Israel were lost in this self-designed battle, others "melted" (i.e. fainted with fatigue and discouragement), still others "became as water" (i.e. were wasted and lost heart).

C. *Judgment ultimately comes to those who willfully walk in disobedience.* The fate of Achan (v. 16-26) is the case in point. The natural result of walking after the flesh is shown.

3. The Cure of our Failures

Joshua 7:6-26

A. *Don't complain, or keep your "face in the mud" of discouragement and self pity. Get up and face the problem - 7:6-10.*

B. *If the cause of the failure is not known, inquire of the Lord, and it will be revealed - 7:6-12.*

C. *Repent of revealed sin - (All of Joshua's actions show a desire to do this.) It is never wise to bury sins as Achan did for they only become a ground of accusation for the enemy and ultimately, if unconfessed, must be judged by God.*

D. *Seek God for a positive solution to the failure or problem - 7:13-15.*

E. *Put away the causes of failure - 7:25, 26. Achan becomes to us a type of sin and disobedience that must be put from our lives.*

F. *Walk in obedience to God's directives. Chapter 8 displays the marked success that we can have as we follow God's patterns. Areas of failure are transformed into victory ground.* 4

RAYMOND COX: *current & events & comments*

Way back in 1952, scientist Werner von Braun expected establishment of a permanent manned "station in space" . . . "within the next 10 or 15 years" (p. 12, *Across the Space Frontier*, Viking, N.Y.). Twenty-four years later the dream remains unfulfilled, but Russian and American engineers are closing in on the target. Periodically, reports surface concerning preparations for the massive satellites.

Does the Bible have anything to say about the space program—perhaps the most dramatic in the end time travel and knowledge explosions anticipated by Daniel 12:4?

Obadiah 4 assumes that men will "nest up among the very stars" (Moffatt). The immediate subjects of Obadiah's prophecy were the Edomites whose capital of Petra was protected by unique topography. The

Living Bible reads, "You are proud because you live in those high inaccessible cliffs. 'Who can ever reach us way up here!' you boast. Don't fool yourselves! Though you soar as high as eagles, and build your nest among the stars, I will bring you plummeting down, says the Lord" (Obad. 3-4).

Edomites never soared as high as eagles, let alone built nests in space, but modern man has outflown all birds and expects to colonize in space, at least to the extent of manned satellites. But even if he outdoes that goal, the divine warning persists, "I will bring thee down." Man cannot escape the presence of God nor an accounting with God. "Whither shall I flee from thy presence?" David soliloquized. "If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there" (Psa. 139:7-8). Early in civilization mankind aspired to build "a tower whose top reaches to heaven" (Moffatt), but God toppled Babel. If arrogance orchestrates humanity's ambitions in space, a modern tower of Babel is certain to fall. Space scientists and laymen alike need to heed the echo from Obadiah, "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord"! (Obad. 4). 4



LETTERS:

Mission's Issue

The October issue is excellent with the world design and pictures on the cover and the middle spread, as well as the report on page 7 and the answers to questions on pages 12 and 13. The comments by Dr. Cox are always good, and I notice among the list of retired missionaries some who graduated from LIFE Bible College when I did.

P.S.

Reader "Gets All Excited"

I have just finished reading the ADVANCE. Isn't God great! I certainly would like to get on your mailing list to really stay excited in God's work. I am a new Christian and new to the Foursquare Gospel. Praise the Lord for your fine literature.

H.K.

September's issue was really something. One of the men called me up from work and said, "Did you see the ADVANCE?" He said that he took his copy to work and the men passed it around and read it on their lunch hour and coffee breaks. Also, a lady gave me a high compliment that made me know the issue was appreciated.

N.R.

Pastor's Comment

We are really pleased with the ADVANCE Magazine. We know it will help people in their relationship with Christ and in their relationship with brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

W.G.

Greetings and thanks for the good work done in the ADVANCE. I feel strongly as to a consistent expression such as the ADVANCE coming to the home each month. It seems to me that we work hand in hand with such things as growth, missions and other areas of importance to the Church.

R.C.

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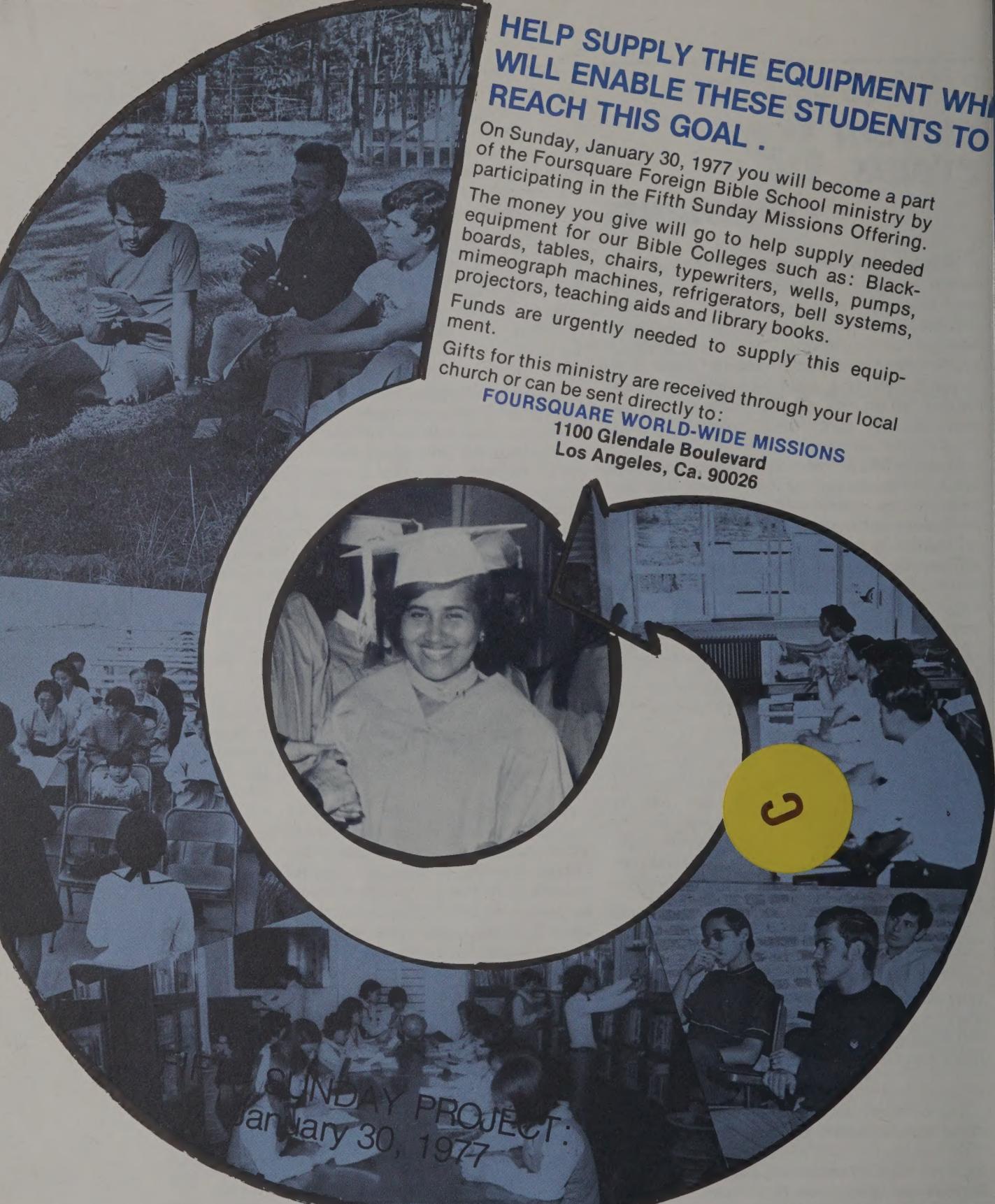
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